

**MARTINSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2016**

Chairman Joanne Stuttgen called the meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Martinsville, IN. Chairman Stuttgen read the rules of order for the meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order – Roll Call.

ATTENDANCE: Those members present were:

Katie Barnard
Kim Fishel
Mike Kirsch, Vice-Chairman
Kim Lauderman
Ben Merida
Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary
Joanne Stuttgen, Chairman
Tom Williams

Absent: Steve Bodi

2. Consideration of minutes.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 28, 2016, meeting were approved after corrections were noted and made on Page 2. Tom Williams made the motion for approval and the motion was seconded by Ben Merida. The vote was unanimous.

3. Old Business:

Sign Ordinance – Mike Kirsch

Mike Kirsch reported that no letters have been sent to sign owners in violation. The letter needs more work. There are 56 signs in violation on the list and 15-20 signs that could be resolved without letters.

Cassie Mellady, Commission Attorney, will discuss this with City Attorney Coffey.

Joanne Stuttgen suggested that members of the Plan Commission could help with the posting of the letters.

4. New Business:

Archery Barn Pro Shop:

Sam Neal, owner of the Archery Barn Pro Shop located at 75 West Morgan, presented a proposal for a sign. He said the sign is necessary. Mr. Neal planned for the sign to be 3 ft. high by 5 ft. wide, perpendicular, and composed of aluminum. The sign is digitally printed on both sides. The sign is ready. However, Mr. Neal is willing to change the size to fit the historical requirements of the city ordinance.

Joanne Stuttgen asked that Mr. Neal cut the pole the sign will be mounted on, as it is longer than the sign will be. Mr. Neal said it was the original mounting and he would look into it.

A member of the audience spoke against cutting the pole. He suggested the commission leave the pole which has existed since about 1910.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the sign request for the Archery Barn Pro Shop at 75 West Morgan with the agreement that Owner Sam Neal will work with Brian Love to keep the sign size and maximum advertisement space in line with the city ordinance. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Replace Awning – Antiques on Main

Melanie Perkon, Owner of the Antiques on Main, requested first to replace the awning and then asked to remove the awning at 154 North Main as it is rotted. The awning at 152 North Main Street will remain. The owner will work with Brian Love on repairing the sign holes in the brick wall.

Discussion (in accordance to Chapter 5, Martinsville Zoning Ordinance) regarding a petition from the AT&T Mobility, represented by GPD Group for a Special Exception. Specifically a telecommunication site. The site would be located at 1600 S. Ohio St. (behind the Artesian Mall) Martinsville, In.

The Martinsville Board of Zoning Appeals requested that the Plan Commission do an investigation on how the proposed project will affect the city's comprehensive plan.

The proposed telecommunication site is 1600 S. Ohio Street, right behind the Rural King. The site includes a 190 foot pole, a 60 foot by 60 foot lease area, a 58 foot by 58 foot fenced area within the lease area and a base with equipment.

Representative attorney Matt Price said the tower would prove greater coverage and service to the area. He stated that this asset will support the existing economic development, as well as promoting additional economic development in the vicinity of greater Martinsville.

REMONSTRATORS:

Gene King, McDaniel Field Airport. Mr. King said that the tower would be directly in the way of planes taking off from the private airfield. He said that the airport had been around for more than 60 years and is growing. He further stated that the REMC tower which is 189 ft. and has no light, causes problems. He said it is not safe to have another tower on the flight plan.

Ed Block, GPD Group Engineer said they have to get Federal Aviation Administration approval for every tower and the proposed tower is more than half a mile from the airport. He said the WCBK radio station, which is closer to the airfield, also has a tower that is about 80 feet tall.

Barry Denny, a concerned citizen, asked why they would want to put a tower in town as opposed to one on the hills surrounding the city, which would prove better coverage from a greater height.

A committee consisting of Mike Kirsch, Ben Merida, and Joanne Stuttgen, with counsel by Cassie Mellady, will investigate how the proposed project will affect the city's comprehensive plan. Report to be given in 30 days.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

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Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary

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Steve Bodi (ABSENT)